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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN TRAVELER TO UN HEADQUARTERS

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1. B-1 VISA ISSUED TODAY ON FS-540. FIGUEIREDO EXPECTS TO ARRIVE JFK AIRPORT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 ON AFTERNOON OR EVENING FLIGHT FROM LONDON. HE WOULD PREFER TRAVEL TO NY ON TUESDAY, THE 16TH, BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE HE CAN MAKE CONNECTIONS AS FLIGHT FROM NIGERIA ARRIVES LONDON TOO LATE TO CHANGE PLANES. NEVERTHELESS THERE IS SLIM POSSIBILITY FIGUEIREDO MAY ARRIVE IN NY ON TUESDAY. SUGGEST INS NEW YORK BE INFORMED. FYI FIGUEIREDO EXPRESSED SOME DISMAY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED B-1 VISA. HE MENTIONED THAT IF HE HAD KNOWN HE COULD NOT GET DIPLOMATIC VISA HE MIGHT HAVE GOT NIGERIAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, ON WHICH EMBASSY COULD HAVE STAMPED DIPLOMATIC VISA. END FYI.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF FIGUEIREDO SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HOPES TO ESTABLISH NORMAL RELATIONS BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY WITH ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING U.S. OVER
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100 COUNTRIES (HE CLAIMED) HAVE ALREADY RECOGNIZED MPLY GOVERNMENT

AND ABSENCE OF U.S. FROM THOSE RANKS BECOMES MORE NOTICEABLE AS TIME PASSES. THIS, HE SAID, IS SOURCE OF UNEASE FOR HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. FIGUEIREDO WAS VAGUE ABOUT WHAT HE PLANS TO DO AT UN, BUT SAID HE HOPES TO VISIT WASHINGTON TO EXPLORE ISSUE OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH U.S. HE DID NOT SAY SPECIFICALLY WITH WHOM HE WISHES TO TALK, BUT DID MENTION THAT HE HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN THE PAST, INCLUDING SENATOR CLARK.

4. FIGUEIREDO SAID HE HAS MOST RECENTLY BEEN INVOLVED IN TALKS WITH AMERICANS FROM BOEING AND GULF CONCERNING THOSE COMPANIES' DEALING WITH ANGOLA.

5. BORN IN LUANDA JUNE 13, 1940, FIGUEIREDO IS WELL-KNIT, ABOUT 5 FT. 9 IN. WITH SMALL GOATEE. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND IS PERSONABLE CONVERSATIONALIST. HE WAS WITH UN SECRETARIAT AND "AT" COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (HE DID NOT SAY WHETHER AS STUDENT OR IN SOME OTHER CAPACITY). HE HAS LECTURED ABOUT ANGOLA AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES IN U.S. WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD BECOME ANGOLA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT UN, HE ANSWERED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW, BUT THEN ADMITTED THAT HE HAD EXPERIENCE THERE AS MPLA'S REPRESENTATIVE AND INDEED HOPED THAT HE WOULD BECOME PERMREP.
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